

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claim 30 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the recited subject matter.

Please AMEND claims 21 and 31, and ADD new claim 33, as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, all claims currently pending in this application have been reproduced below:

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~used~~ for manufacturing a device using a substrate, said apparatus comprising:

a container to contain ~~[[a]]~~ the substrate;

a process system to perform a process using the substrate based on information of a code formed on the substrate;

a transfer system which has a holding member for holding the substrate and a driving mechanism for driving said holding member to transfer the substrate ~~from~~ between said container and said process system; and

a reading system which optically reads ~~[[a]]~~ the code formed on the substrate in a transfer process performed by said transfer system, at least a portion of said reading system being located on at least one of said holding member and said driving ~~mechanism; and~~

~~a process system which performs a process using the substrate based on information of the code read by said reading system~~ mechanism.

22. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the portion of said reading system is located on said holding member and comprises one of a light reflecting portion and a light scattering portion.

23. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the portion of said reading system comprises one of a code detecting portion for detecting the code formed on the substrate and a code illumination portion for illuminating the code formed on the substrate.

24. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 23, wherein one of the code detecting portion and the code illumination portion is located on said holding member.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein all of said reading system is located on said driving mechanism.

27. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the code comprises a bar code.

28. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the substrate comprises a transparent portion in which the code is formed.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A method ~~used for~~ of manufacturing a device, said method comprising steps of:

transferring a substrate using a transfer system which has a holding member for holding the substrate and a driving mechanism for driving the holding member to transfer the substrate ~~from~~ between a container ~~which contains~~ to contain the substrate ~~and a process system to perform a process using the substrate based on information of a code formed on the substrate;~~

optically reading ~~[[a]]~~ the code formed on the substrate using a reading system in a transfer process performed by ~~said~~ the transfer system, at least a portion of the reading system being located on at least one of the holding member and the driving mechanism; and

performing ~~[[a]]~~ the process using the ~~substrate~~ process system based on the information of the code read in said reading step to manufacture the device.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (New) An exposure apparatus for performing exposure of a first substrate to a pattern from a second substrate, said apparatus comprising:

a container to contain an object, the object being one of the first and second substrates;

an exposure system to perform the exposure using the object based on information of a code formed on the object;

a transfer system which has a holding member for holding the object and a driving mechanism for driving said holding member to transfer the object between said container and said exposure system; and

a reading system which optically reads the code formed on the object in a transfer process performed by said transfer system, at least a portion of said reading system being located on at least one of said holding member and said driving mechanism.